

## Frequently Asked Questions



### 1. WHAT IS THE BUILD DAKOTA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM?

A new scholarship program created through a \$50 million dollar investment funded by a \$25 million donation from T. Denny Sanford and a \$25 million contribution from the South Dakota Future Fund.

### 2. WHAT PROGRAMS OF STUDY QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The Build Dakota Administration Board approved the following high need, industry areas for the Build Dakota Scholarship Program: Welding, Precision Machining, Automotive, Practical Nursing (select programs), Building Trades/Construction, Energy Technician, Engineering Technician, Medical Laboratory Technician. The industry areas are approved for the 2015-16 school year; the board will review and approve industry areas and eligible technical institute programs each year.

By the second week in February, specific training programs at South Dakota's four technical institutes (Lake Area Technical Institute, Mitchell Technical Institute, Southeast Technical Institute, and Western Dakota Technical Institute) will be identified, approved and listed on this website. Be aware that, while training programs for the identified high need areas may be available at each technical institute, not every training program will be eligible for the scholarship. Please refer to the approved programs list when it is posted.

### 3. WHAT COSTS ARE COVERED BY THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The scholarships will support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible program at South Dakota technical institutes.

### 4. IS THERE A CAP ON THE AMOUNT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD?

The scholarship covers tuition, fees and other required program expenses for Build Dakota scholars. For the 2014-15 school year, full-time students make the following investments for a technical institute education:

- AAS Programs: Full program expenses range from approximately \$16,000 to \$19,750 (median \$17,875) over the 2-year program. Included in the estimated expenses are tuition and fees, technology, tools and books required to complete the program.
- Diploma Programs: Full program expenses range from approximately \$9,000 to \$12,000 (median \$10,500) for the 1-year program.

### 5. CAN OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS APPLY?

Yes, they can. Both South Dakota students and out-of-state students are eligible for the scholarships.

### 6. WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP?

The Build Dakota Scholarship program will begin with newly enrolled students in Fall 2015.

### 7. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CRITICAL NEEDS WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP?

The technical institutes' Critical Needs Workforce Scholarship, which was funded for three years at \$500,000 a year, will be phased out as funds are reallocated to support the Build Dakota scholarship program. Students who received a Critical Needs Workforce Scholarship will be paid as was promised.